

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 – (canceled)

13. (currently amended) An information recording method of recording record information comprising a plurality of ECC blocks, each of the ECC blocks comprising a plurality of [[date]] data units to record the record information, on a recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

recording first record information;

recording dummy information up to a part of a ~~first~~ data unit of a next ECC block subsequent to last ECC block containing the first record information; and

starting second recording at a predetermined position within the ~~first-date~~ data unit which the dummy information is recorded.

14. (presently presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second recording is started with new dummy information.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the new dummy information is recorded for a certain amount so that a total data amount of remainder of the dummy information and the new dummy information is to be equal to or less than a data amount of one data unit.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second recording is started with second record information.

17. (currently amended) An information recording apparatus which records record information comprising a plurality of ECC blocks, each of the ECC blocks comprising a plurality of data units to record the record information, on a recording medium, the apparatus comprising:

a recording device which records first record information;

a dummy information recording device which records dummy information up to a part of a ~~first~~ data unit of a next ECC block subsequent to last ECC block containing the first record information; and

wherein the recording device starts second recording at a predetermined position within the ~~first~~ data unit which the dummy information is recorded.

18. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the second recording device starts the second recording with new dummy information.

19. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the new dummy information is recorded for a certain amount so that a total data amount of remainder of

the dummy information and the new dummy information is to be equal to or less than a data amount of one data unit.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 17 [[65]], wherein the second recording is started with second record information.

21. (currently amended) An information recording apparatus which records record information comprising a plurality of ECC blocks, each of the ECC blocks comprising a plurality of data units to record the record information, on a recording medium in accordance with following steps:

recording first record information;

recording dummy information up to a part of a ~~first~~ data unit of a next ECC block subsequent to last ECC block containing the ~~first~~ record information; and

starting second recording at a predetermined position within the ~~first~~ data unit which the dummy information is recorded.

22. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the data unit which the dummy information is recorded is a first data unit of the next ECC block.

23. (New) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the data unit which the dummy information is recorded is a first data unit of the next ECC block.

24. (New) An information recording method of recording record information comprising a plurality of information units based on an error correction, on a recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

recording first record information;

recording dummy information up to a part of a next information unit subsequent to last information unit containing the first record information; and

starting second recording at a predetermined position within the next information unit which the dummy information is recorded.

25. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein each of the information units comprises a plurality of data units to record the record information, and

the second recording is started at the predetermined position within the data unit which the dummy information is recorded.

26. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the data unit which the dummy information is recorded is a first data unit of the next information unit.

27. (New) The method according to claim 24, wherein each of the information units has an ID information at a head position, and

the dummy information is recorded behind the ID information.

28. (New) An information recording apparatus which records record information comprising a plurality of information units based on an error correction, on a recording medium, the apparatus comprising:

a recording device which records first record information;

a dummy information recording device which records dummy information up to a part of a next information unit subsequent to last information unit containing the first record information; and

wherein the recording device starts second recording at a predetermined position within the next information unit which the dummy information is recorded.

29. (New) The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein each of the information units comprises a plurality of data units to record the record information, and

the second recording is started at the predetermined position within the data unit which the dummy information is recorded.

30. (New) The apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the data unit which the dummy information is recorded is a first data unit of the next information unit.

31. (New) The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein each of the information units has an ID information at a head position, and

the dummy information is recorded behind the ID information.